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I started at General Motors on ~~September~~ 14th 1968 in hopes of a better life for my family and myself. I worked long hours, which deprived me from my family. I planned that once I retired I would be able to make it up to them by spending time with them and my grandchildren. I was injured at work and required to have numerous surgeries, which had no positive effects, and forced me into early retirement. I was then diagnosed with having asbestos in my lungs from working at General Motors. My dreams of spending my "Golden Years" traveling and visiting with my family have turned into a harsh reality filled with pain medication and doctor's appointments.

I was recently informed that my right to be compensated for having asbestos cancer was going to possibly be revoked by the companies responsible for exposing me to it. To me this says that everything that I worked for and earned is meaningless to them if they can save money stepping on the people who made them who they are. Do I have any regrets? Yes. I regret that I wasn't informed of the hazardous materials in my work environment. I regret having no safety measures in place to protect me while working around and with the materials. It seems to me that the corporations are denying responsibility because they know that they are the ones at fault. How can the workers be responsible since we were the ones being misinformed from the beginning until it was too late? In my opinion the corporation doesn't want to be held accountable for the situation because they know they are responsible for letting hazardous materials in the work place and also that if any of these cases goes to trial that any hard working American will side with the employee who helped build that company.

I have already lost most of my retirement due to being disabled, don't be responsible for denying what's left of it to help big business save some money and possibly endanger more people.

Thank You

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